

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire November 22, 2007. A Petition for a one month extension of time extending the period of response to December 22, 2007 is included herewith.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, Claims 5-13, 18-20, 25-29, and 34-39 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 5 (which is cancelled herein). Claims 3 and 6-9 depend from Claim 1. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 3, and 6-9.

Claim 11 is amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1, before current amendment). Claims 12-13 depend from Claim 11. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 11-13.

Claim 14 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 18 (which is cancelled herein). Claims 16 and 19-20 depend from Claim 14. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 14, 16, and 19-20.

Claim 21 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 25 (which is cancelled herein). Claims 22-23 and 26-29 depend from Claim 21. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 21-23 and 26-29.

Claim 30 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 34 (which is cancelled herein). Claims 32 and 35-39 depend from Claim 30. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 30, 32, and 35-39.

Amendments To The Specification

Applicant requests entry of the above-indicated amendments to the Specification, which correct for informalities and typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3, 6-14, 16, 19-23, 26-30, 32, and 35-39 are pending in the present application. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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